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Board of Health Minutes 08/11/2010

Board of Health Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 11, 2010 Ground Floor Conference Room Senior Center, 27 Maple Street 5:30pm

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, Mr. Gregory Leonardos and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick (Chair)
Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, Director of Health and Human Services, and Natasha Waden, Health Compliance Officer

- The June 23, 2010 meeting minutes were accepted as written.
- HEARING: 128 Madison Ave. Inspector Waden provided the Board with a Summary of events within the past month, concerning the property at 128 Madison Ave. Waden explained that an administrative search warrant was obtained for the purpose of inspection, the conditions observed inside and outside of the home were such that an Emergency order to condemn, secure and vacate the unit was given to the owner. Waden further explained that because an emergency order to vacate the unit was given, a hearing prior to condemnation was not necessary. Waden presented the Board with pictures of the inside of the home taken on July 1, 2010. Mr. James Edgerton, owner of 128 Madison Avenue requested this hearing to seek relief and amendments to the condemnation order. Edgerton stated that the quotes he had been given to clean up the property were very expensive and that he could not afford them. His request was that he be allowed more time so that he could go through his belongings and clean up the property himself. Dr. Fitzpatrick addressed Mr. Edgerton by stating that based on the pictures presented during the hearing that it would not be possible due to the amount of debris inside the home for him to clean up the property in a timely manner. Both Dr. Walsh and Mr. Leonardos were in agreement with Dr. Fitzpatrick. Mr. Edgerton asked if he could hire a contractor to clean up the property. The board responded by stating the list of biohazardous cleaning companies provided to Mr. Edgerton by the Heath Department were only suggestions to point him in the right direction, and that he was not required to chose someone off that list. The board urged Mr. Edgerton to look in the phone book for local contractors that he could work with to make the necessary corrections. The board explained with the help of Juliana Rice, Town Counsel, the legal steps in which the board could take if the owner did not comply with hiring a company on his own to do the clean up. Steps included the enforcement of monetary penalties, hiring a cleaning company and placing a lien on the property and/ or filing for receivership.
- HEARING: Lauren Dubee, Body Art Applicant. Applicant Lauren Dubee presented her application for a
 permit to perform body art in Arlington. The application submitted contained all of the required
 documentation, including a completed anatomy and physiology course and two and a half years of experience
 in Rhode Island. The Board unanimously granted Lauren Dubee a permit to perform body art in Arlington at
 Ink Jam on Park Avenue.
- Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm